

# **MICHIGAN DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT BOARD**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**February 20, 2015**

**\*\*\* APPROVED \*\*\***

### **Members Present:**

Dr. Cris Sullivan, Chair  
Sgt. Yvonne Brantley  
Jeffrie Cape  
Jim Fink  
Hon. E. Libby Pollard Hines  
Jacque Schafer

### **Members Absent:**

Hon. Jeffrey Sauter

### **Staff Present:**

Debi Cain, Executive Director  
Carol Hackett Garagiola  
Gail Krieger  
Mary Lovik  
Tiffany Martinez  
Lore Rogers  
LaShawn Thurman  
Joyce Wright

### **Guests:**

Kathy Hagenian – Michigan Coalition to End Domestic & Sexual Violence  
Lori Jump – Uniting Three Fires Against Violence  
John Lazet - Department of Attorney General  
Mary Pollock, Michigan NOW (National Organization for Women)  
Rachel Richards – Dept. of Human Services / Adult Protective Services

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Chair C. Sullivan convened the February 20, 2015 Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board meeting at the Library of Michigan – Lake Superior Room – Lansing, Michigan at 2:10 p.m. Introductions were made and a welcome extended to guests.

### **BOARD CONSENT**

Review of agenda; approval of the January 23, 2015 meeting minutes.

**MOTION: Moved by J. Fink to approve the February 20, 2015 agenda and the January 23, 2015 meeting minutes. Seconded by E. Hines. Motion carried.**

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

C. Sullivan welcomed new Board member Jacque Schafer.

C. Sullivan provided an update that the Board sent a thank you letter to the Governor's office for vetoing SB 789'14.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – GENERAL OVERVIEW OF WORK TO DATE**

D. Cain expressed appreciation to the Board for their efforts and selfless work.

## **LEGISLATIVE REVIEW**

M. Lovik reported on HB 4013 which lifts current restrictions on carrying a concealed weapon in certain protected locations for people who are protected by a PPO.

**Motion: Moved by J. Fink to oppose the bill in concept and as written. Seconded by L. Hines. Motion carried.**

M. Lovik reported on SB 28, which would create new criminal offenses targeting persons who abuse or threaten to abuse animals as a means to distress or control another person, and provide three new degrees of penalties for animal abuse to replace the statute's current penalties.

**Motion: Moved by J. Fink to support the concept based on the Board's general principle of 6/29/07. Seconded by J. Cape. Motion carried.**

Board members acknowledged that they had an opportunity to review a list of other bills of interest to the Board's constituency that had been introduced since the Board's January 23, 2015 meeting.

## **BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS**

D. Cain informed the Board of three upcoming conferences that the Board will be co-sponsoring:

- The BISC-MI conference for which MDSVPTB will be providing scholarships to the domestic violence funded programs so that one victim advocate per program can attend.
- D. Cain informed the Board of the upcoming Child Advocacy Center conference and stated that the Board always underwrites some of the costs with Child Advocacy Center funds.
- D. Cain stated the MCEDSV (Michigan Coalition to End Domestic & Sexual Violence) Women of Color Training Institute will be in July and is funded by MDSVPTB.

D. Cain provided an update that on May 11, 2015, the OWW (Office of Violence Against Women) director, deputy director and staff person will be visiting Michigan for the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Violence Against Women Act. D. Cain will be providing an agenda and will be reaching out to state partners to participate in the site visit.

D. Cain noted that she contacted the 24 programs which lost funding due to the new MSHDA/DVES formula. Despite funding losses the consistent expressions of a formula being in the best interest of survivors in our State was inspiring. The programs were very grateful for the 5-year phase-in of the formula.

C. Sullivan echoed D. Cain's remarks and the remarkable job of the Board staff and thanked D. Cain for personally calling the programs that lost funding dollars.

D. Cain noted that C. Colton is currently working on the STOPU (Services, Training, Officers, Prosecution and Underserved) grant for underserved communities and that M. Bynum is working on the Rural Grant for 18 rural programs and the tribal coalition, UTFAV (Uniting Three Fires Against Violence).

G. Krieger provided the following updates on the status of the work she and L. Rogers have been collaborating on:

- G. Krieger indicated the sexual assault law-enforcement training video has been viewed over 3,500 times on YouTube. G. Krieger stated that she's been directly contacted by other states informing her that the training video has been mandated for training in police departments across the country including Denver, Colorado.
- G. Krieger updated the Board on the draft Sexual Assault Model Policy and is requesting feedback by March. The Model Policy will be kicked off in April 2015.
- G. Krieger and L. Rogers have been focused on the implementation of the new legislative package that passed at the end of 2014. The Board in collaboration with several State partners is hosting a webinar series aimed at providing an overview of these legislative changes for advocates, criminal justice professionals, and healthcare professionals. G. Krieger provided an update on two products that the Board is legislatively mandated to complete in 2015, the Sexual Assault Victim Notice Card and a handout for victims explaining sexual assault kit forensic testing results.

L. Rogers presented an update on the SAKTC (Sexual Assault Kit Tracking Commission) legislation, which first was approved last year by the Board in concept and then later as written. The act became effective January 1, 2015. It is a fifteen member commission, ten of whom are the presidents or directors of the organization that they are representing. The House Speaker and the House minority leader, and the Senate minority/majority leaders each must appoint a member from those bodies to serve on the Commission, and the Governor must appoint someone from the Governor's executive office to serve on the Commission. L. Rogers reviewed the responsibilities of the Commission and reported that there have been two preparatory planning meetings so far among staff of the Board and of the State Police, and that the commission likely will have its first meeting in late April or early May. D. Cain will sit on the Commission and L. Rogers will staff the Commission.

G. Krieger informed the Board of staffs' recent collaboration on a technical assistance application to bring the Maryland Lethality Assessment Protocol to a Michigan Jurisdiction.

G. Krieger informed the Board that staff will be hosting a domestic violence conference on April 29, 2015 and a second day instructor training with MCOLES on April 30, 2015.

L. Rogers delivered an update on the UPS tracking pilot project in Wayne County which was officially kicked off on January 28, 2015. The project will insure the kits do not get lost and can maintain better accuracy in the process of the SAK.

L. Rogers explained that MCOLES hosts two types of regulation law enforcement trainings throughout the State. One is a sexual assault two-day training and the other is a domestic violence one-day training. There are 18 new trainers, three for domestic violence, three for sexual assault and the remaining are advocates. Detroit Police Department (DPD) requested that Board staff ask MCOLES to train DPD officers and that training started in February.

J. Wright delivered an update on the new Child Welfare University webinar series that has been developed for domestic and sexual violence advocates. There was an online survey and conference call opportunities for advocates to provide feedback on the experience of survivors in relationship to CPS.

J. Wright also met with the CPS advisory committee and asked about the relationship that they may have with the domestic and sexual violence programs in their community. Based on the input from the surveys, conference calls and meetings, Board staff will provide 90 minute webinars beginning March 9<sup>th</sup>.

C. Sullivan requested Board members be included in the child welfare webinar announcements. J. Wright will forward this to Board members.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

M. Pollock inquired about the merger between the Department of Human Services and the Department of Community Health and if there will be any ramifications to the Board and the work of the office?  
D. Cain stated that we do not yet have any additional information in regards to the merger.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion: Moved by Y. Brantley to adjourn. Seconded by J. Cape. Motion carried.**

**The meeting ended at 4:08 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
LaShawn Thurman